

*[English]***Coal from North Eastern States**

5588. SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state: .

(a) whether the Government propose to bring Coal from North Eastern States through Bangladesh to utilise it for Steel Plants; and

(b) if so, the Retails thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) and (b). Some coal from North Eastern States is being supplied to steel plants. However, at present, no coal for steel plants is being moved through Bangladesh.

Effect of use of Lab Detergents

5589. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the controversy raging over harmful effects and dangers from the use of lab. detergents; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to settle this issue effecting both environment and ecology?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P. J. KURIEN): (a) and (b). Government are aware of the different views expressed on the criteria for labelling detergents as 'Environment Friendly Products' as proposed and notified by the Ministry of Environment and Forests on 29.11.91 inviting objections against these criteria. The objections received are being

examined by that Ministry with a view to formulate an acceptable Scheme on Labelling of 'Environment Friendly Produces' and to improve the quality of environment.

Import of Technical Knowhow by IPCL

5590. SHRI K. P. REDDAIAH YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Petrochemicals Limited had advanced 10 million dollars to B. P. Chemicals, London during 1986 or so far. import of technical knowhow to manufacture various plastic compounds;

(b) if so, whether the technical knowhow has since been utilised;

(c) if so, the quantum of the saving in import substitution by utilising this facility; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and action proposed to be taken in matter.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS (DR. CHINTAMOHAN): (a) BP chemicals were paid nine million dollars in May/October, 1986, by IPCL, in confederation of the engineering and technical assistance and licence and rights for the manufacture of LIDPE/HDPE at MGCC in Nagothane.

(b) The manufacturing facilities have been installed and the plants are in advance stage of commissioning.

(c) and (d). Savings by way of import substitution will accrue once stabilised production is achieved.